



Board of Health Agenda

Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Ground Floor Conference Room

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2019

2. HEARING:

Keeping of Hens - 6 Grandview Road

3. PRESENTATION:

Annual Report

4. UPDATES:

Staffing

5. UPDATES:

Environmental

6. UPDATES:

Restaurant

7. UPDATES:

Public Health Nurse

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adjourn



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

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ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
Reference Material	2019_12_4_MinutesMeeting.pdf	Meeting Minutes 12-4-2019



Board of Health Minutes

Date: December 4, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Ground Floor Conference Room

Attendance: Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, Mr. Kenneth Kohlberg, Dr. Kevin Fallon

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2019

A motion to approve was made by Kenneth Kohlberg, and seconded by Kevin Fallon, with a result of Passed.

Vote: 3-0 in favor of the motion

2. HEARING:

Keeping of Hens - 6 Grandview Road

Inspector Kylee Sullivan reviewed the Keeping of Hens Site Plan Review Application for 6 Grandview Road, and updated the Board on the findings of her site inspection. Inspector Sullivan introduced the applicant, Brad O'Donnell, who informed the Board he currently has eight bantam chickens and is looking for a permit to Keep Hens in Arlington. He requested a variance to keep eight bantam chickens rather than six as is stated in the Town Bylaw. Mr. O'Donnell stated he was unaware of the permit process and "inherited" the chickens. He further stated that bantam hens are 1/3 the size of most hens, and that they require smaller spaces to keep warm and overall require less space due to their size. Inspector Sullivan informed the Board that any Variance request from the Bylaw will need to be reviewed by Town Counsel, and recommended tabling a vote on the application until the next Board Meeting.

A motion to was made by Kevin Fallon, and seconded by Kenneth Kohlberg to table the item until the next Board of Health Meeting.

Vote: 3-0 in favor of the motion

3. DISCUSSION:

Tobacco Regulation

Inspector Martin provided the Board with copies of draft regulations and language restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products for Arlington's "Regulations Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Products." He informed the Board of recent actions by the State to change Massachusetts State Regulations regarding the Restriction of Flavored Tobacco Products including Menthol, Mint, and Wintergreen flavors. Inspector Martin noted that flavored tobacco products will only be allowed in 21+ smoking bars, and only available for on-site consumption. He further stated that the State has also changing its fine schedule to \$1,000, \$2,000, and \$5,000 per subsequent offense. He

informed the Board that the Department of Public Health (DPH) will be meeting on December 11, 2019 to vote on the new State regulations. Additionally, the current vaping ban will be lifted on December 11, 2019. Inspector Martin recommended no action be taken on Arlington's Regulations until the State adopts their new regulations. He stated the Health Department will monitor the situation closely, and will update the Board at the next meeting. Board Member Kenneth Kohlberg requested that once the State regulations have been approved, that Arlington review the language in our existing regulations to reference the State regulations, and simplify our language.

4. DISCUSSION:

2020 Board of Health Meeting Dates - Draft Schedule

The Board discussed and reviewed the 2020 Board of Health Meeting Dates and set the following schedule:

- February 5, 2020
- April 8, 2020
- May 13, 2020
- June 17, 2020
- September 9, 2020
- October 14, 2020
- December 2, 2020

All meetings will begin at 5:30 pm and will be held at the Arlington Senior Center, 27 Maple Street/20 Academy Street, Arlington, MA 02476.

Due to construction at the Arlington Senior Center, meeting room locations are yet to be determined and are subject to change.

5. UPDATES:

Environmental

Inspector Padraig Martin updated the Board on the Polystyrene Ban which will go into effect on January 1, 2020. Inspector Martin informed the Board that the Arlington establishments have been contacted and have been receptive to the change. Polystyrene Products are marked (Plastic # 6 PS - Recycling).

Inspector Kylee Sullivan informed the Board that on Saturday, November 16, 2019, a "Help the Homeless" volunteer event took place to clean up woods in East Arlington. She reported a 30 yard dumpster was filled with trash, debris, and abandoned property. Much work is still needed, but it was a great first step. Inspector Sullivan reported 15 volunteers helped with the clean-up, including some of the homeless population inhabiting the woods, the Somerville Homeless Coalition, and members of the Arlington Homelessness Task Force.

5. UPDATES:

Restaurant

Inspector Martin informed the Board that there have been no new restaurant openings or closings. The Health Department is in the process of permitting establishments for calendar year 2020.

6. UPDATES:

Public Health Nurse

Public Health Nurse Jessica Kerr informed the Board that approximately 500 residents were vaccinated during the Public Health Flu Clinic held on October 24, 2019. She reported nearly 1,600 flu vaccinations have been administered this Fall. Additionally, in-office visits available by appointment only and will continue while vaccination supplies last.

Adjourn



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